



International Space Station as a Testbed for Exploration

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Agency & Enterprise Goals

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Agency Mission

Advance & communicate scientific knowledge & understanding of the Earth, the solar system, & the universe & use the environment of space for research

Explore, use, & enable the development of space for human enterprise

Research, develop, verify, & transfer advanced aeronautics, space, & related technologies

long
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long
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HEDS Goals

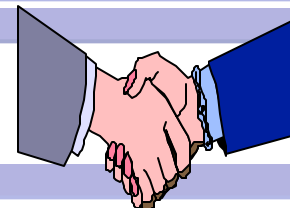
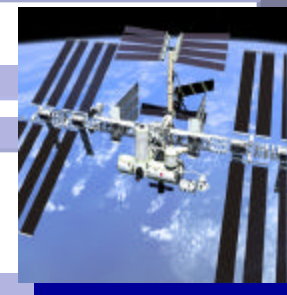
Expand the frontier

Expand knowledge

Enable and establish permanent and productive human presence in Earth orbit

Expand commercial utilization of space

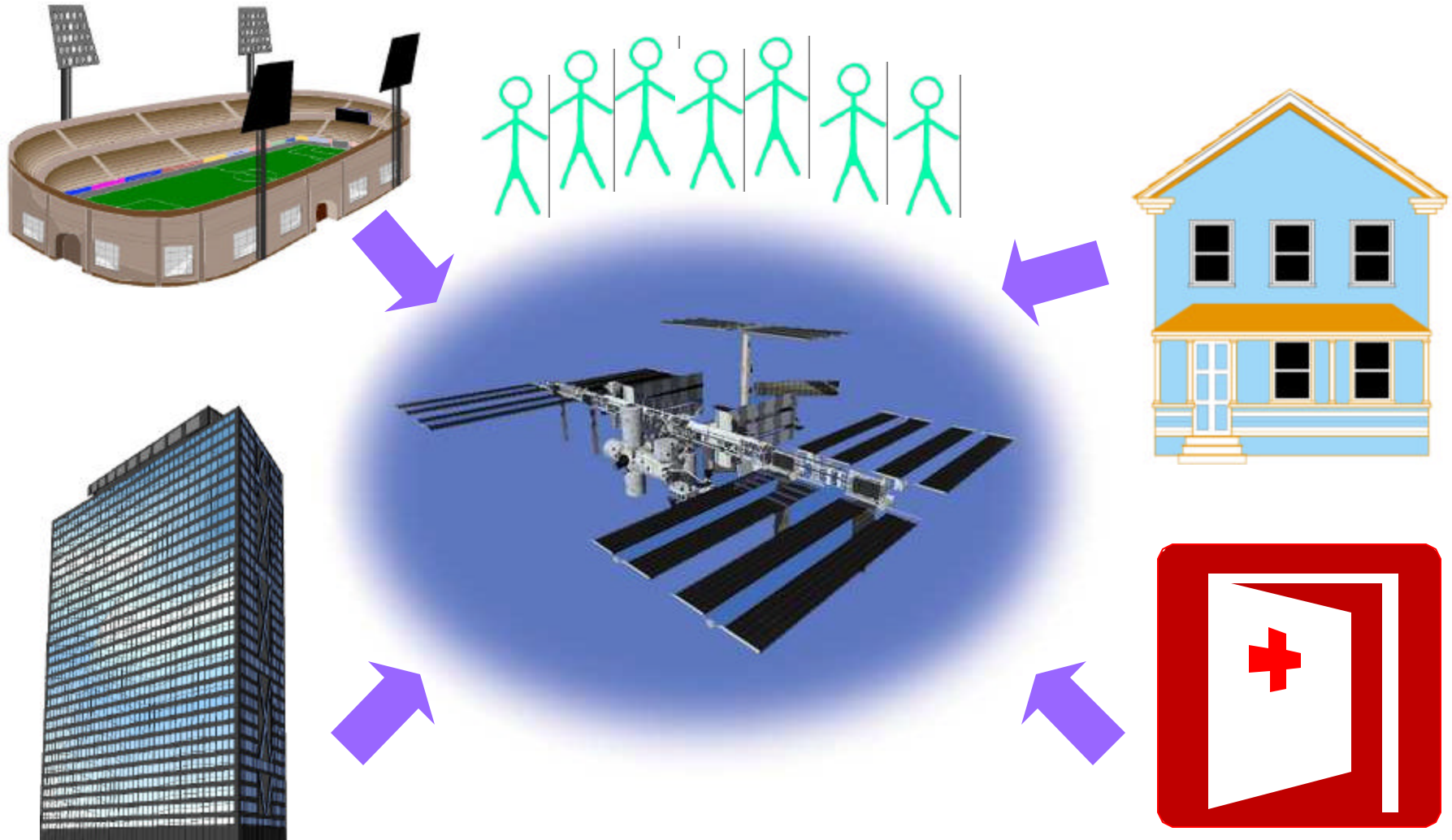
Share the experience and discovery of human space flight





The Multipurpose ISS

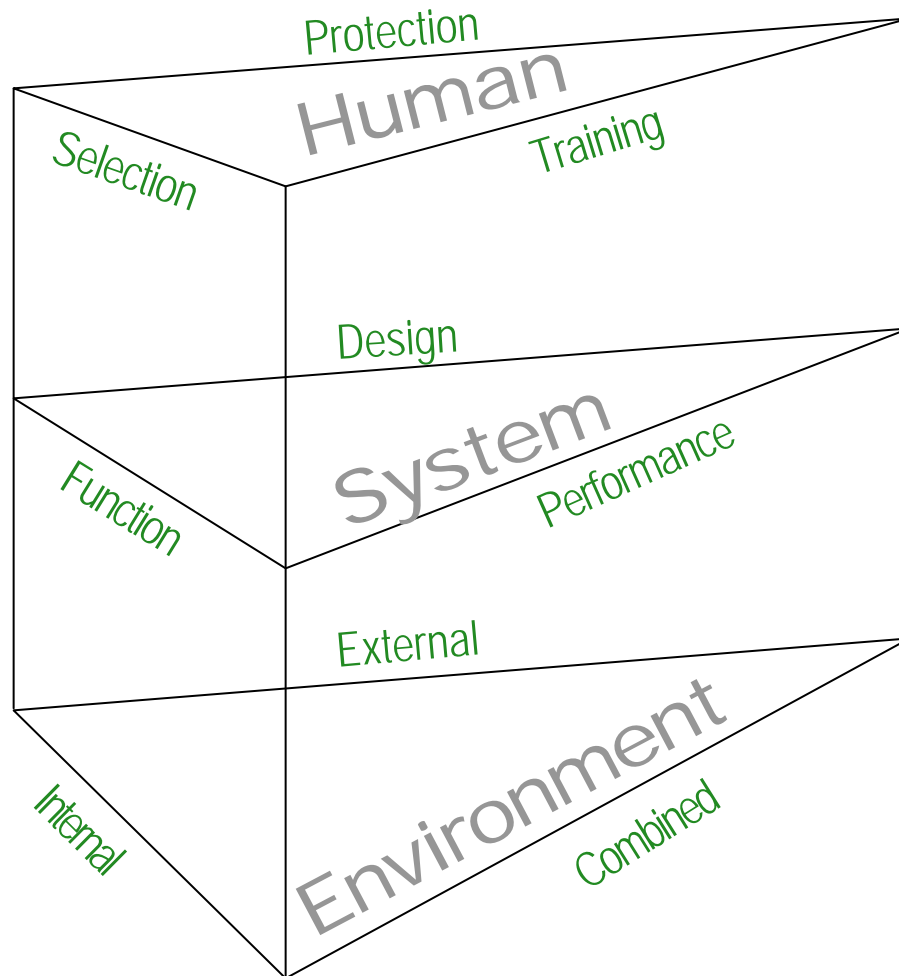
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Human Space Mission Architecture

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*Designers must facilitate **Human** performance by creating...*

*...a **System** that responds effectively to...*

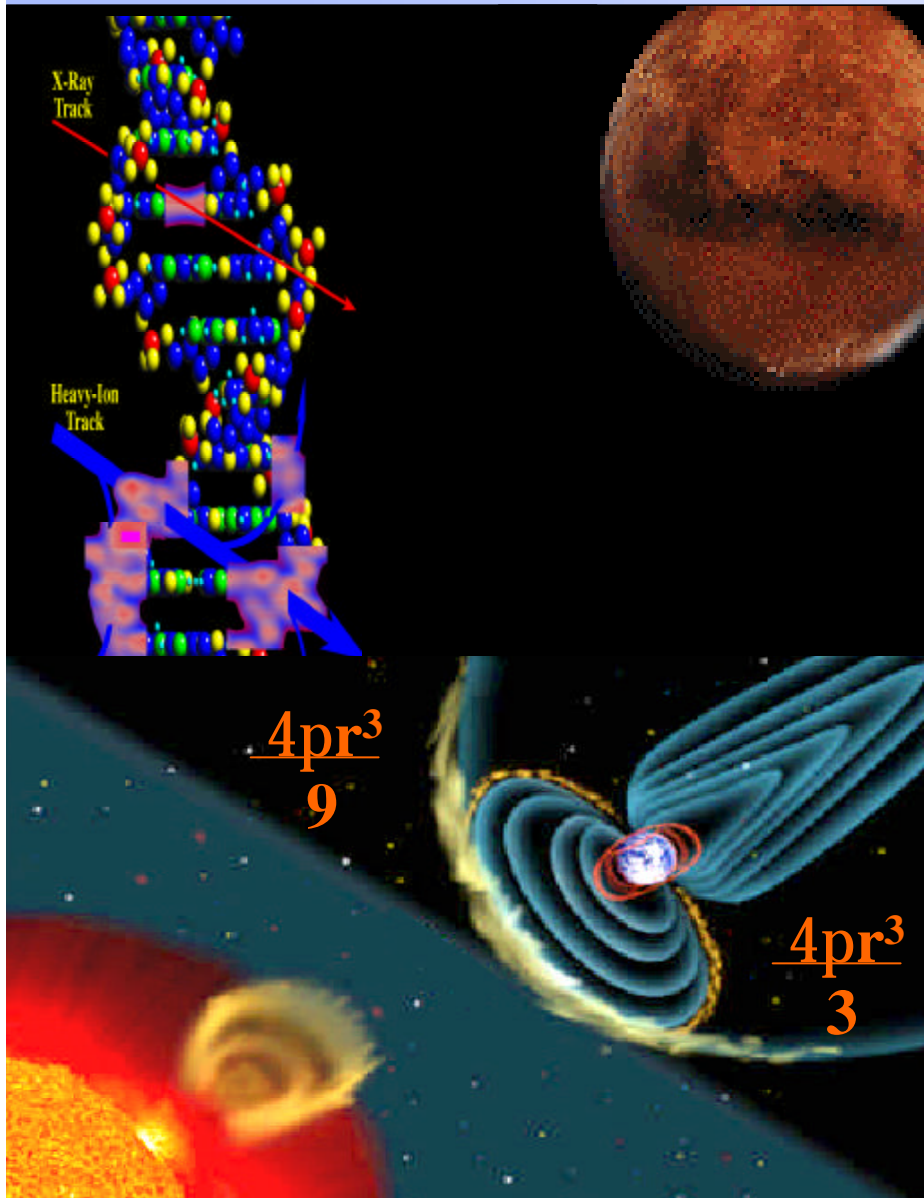
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External Environment

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- Variable gravity
- Radiation
 - Solar (variable flux)
 - Cosmic (background)
- Temperature extremes
- Pressure extremes
- New ecological systems
- Planetary materials and composition



Internal Environment

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- Atmospheric composition
- Toxicology
- Crew living conditions
 - Work environment
 - Personal space
 - Recreation
- Habitat configuration (compatibility)

***System configuration is
intimately tied to
internal environmental***



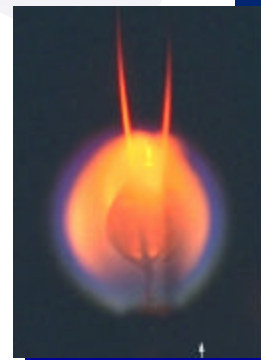
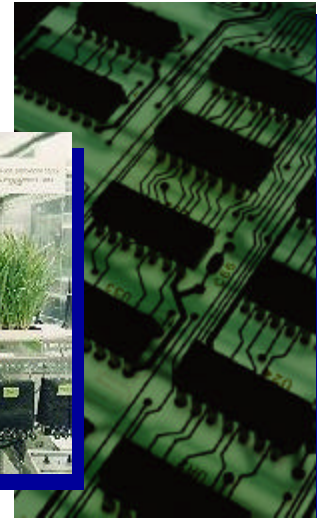
System Function

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The System should compliment human capabilities and minimize risk, while being compatible with the exploration

- Life support
- Environmental control
- Radiation shielding
- Medical capability



Underlying research

Fluids management
Materials research
Combustion science (fire suppression)
Gravitational biology (biomass production)
Biological interface



System Design

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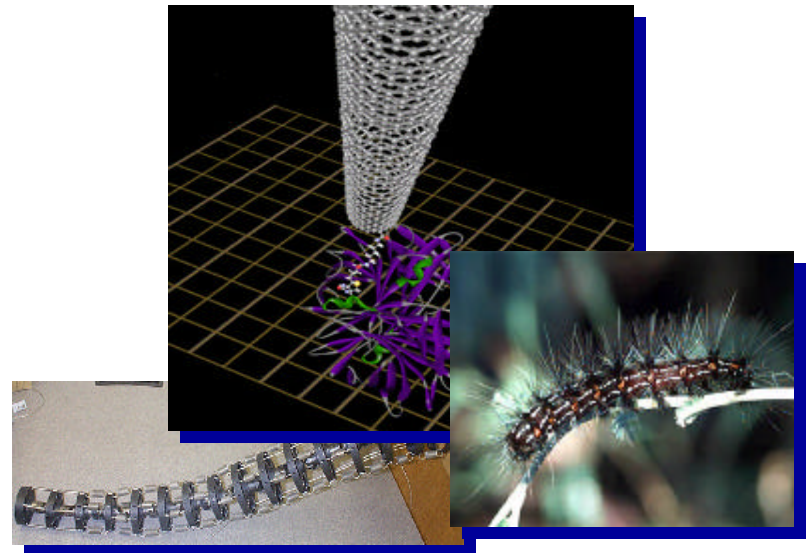
System design needs to accommodate constraints on available power; mass; and crew size, expertise, and availability.

- Accessibility
- Ease-of-use
- Emergency procedures

Human factors

- Miniaturization
- Autonomy
- Redundancy

Biologically-inspired technologies





System Performance

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***A system is effective
only once it is
successfully***

- Standard operating procedures
 - Vehicle/habitat operations
 - Maintenance procedures
 - Health risk minimization
 - Work/rest cycles
- System performance parameters/limits

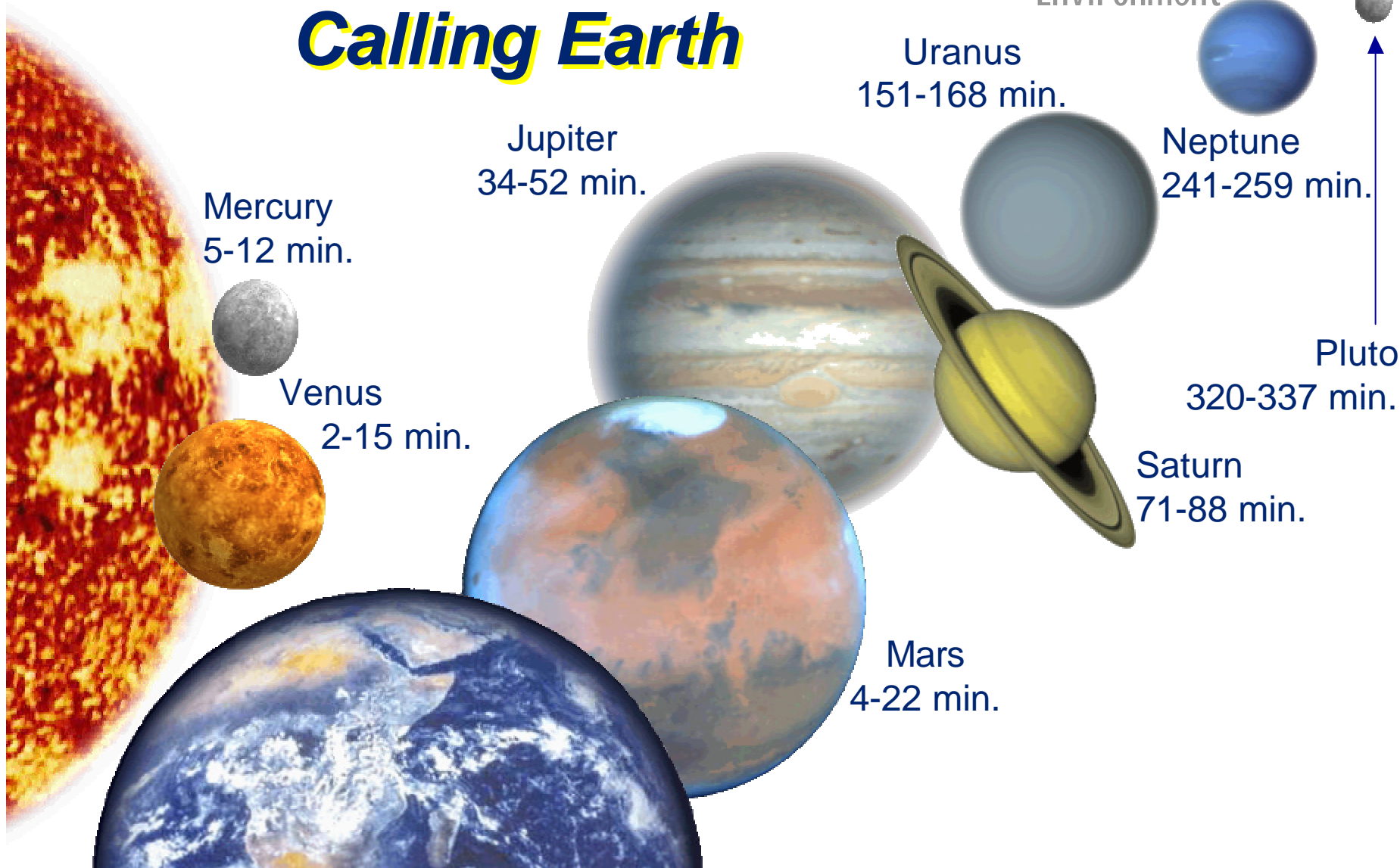




System Constraint Time/Distance

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Crew Selection

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***Medical considerations
and requirements will
vary with mission
duration and complexity.***

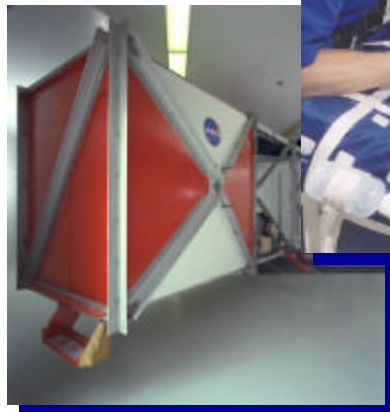
- Health risk factors
- Skills
- Psychological suitability
- Crew compatibility



Crew Training

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- Survival
- Mission-specific
 - Operations
 - Research procedures
- Medical care
 - Routine assessments
 - Emergency interventions

Crews will undergo continuous, rigorous training in order to maintain proficiency.



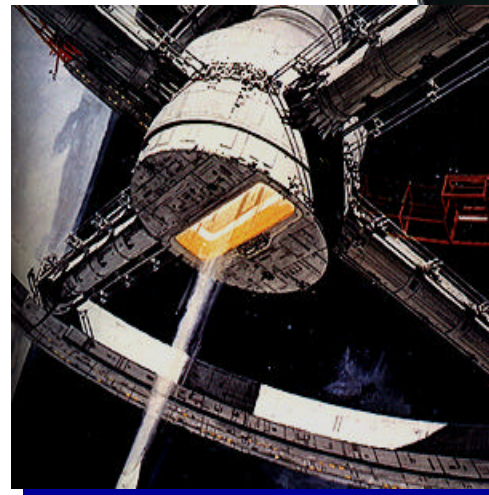
Crew Protection

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System configuration provides environmental protection and all necessary tools and capability for crew well-being.

- Countermeasures
 - Traditional
 - Non-traditional
- Psychosocial support

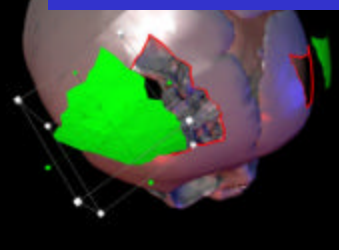
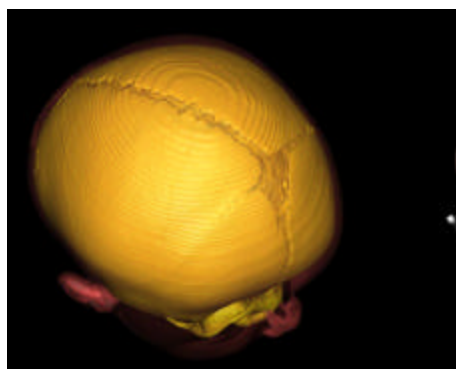
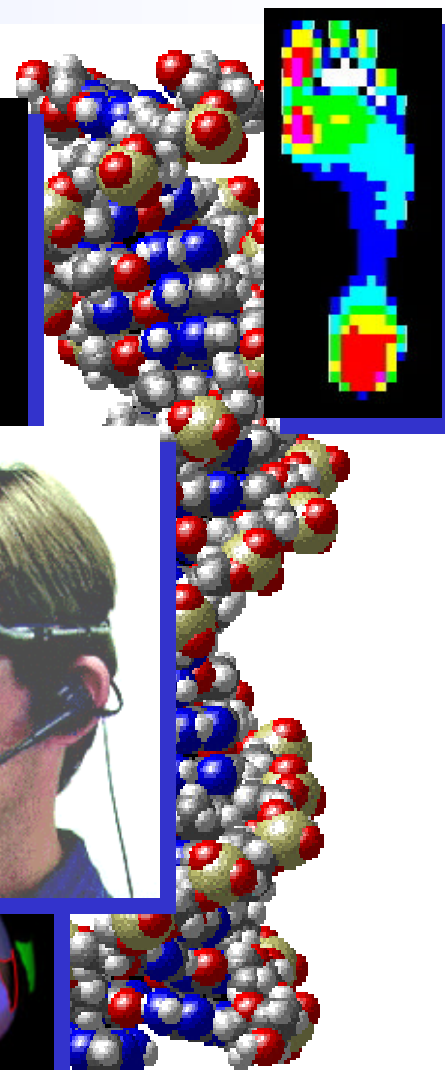
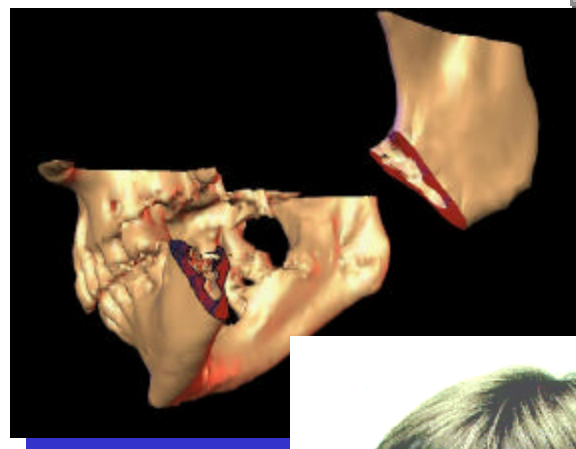




Cross-cutting Technology Needs

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- Portability
- Miniaturization
- Virtual reality
- Artificial intelligence
- Biologically-inspired technologies

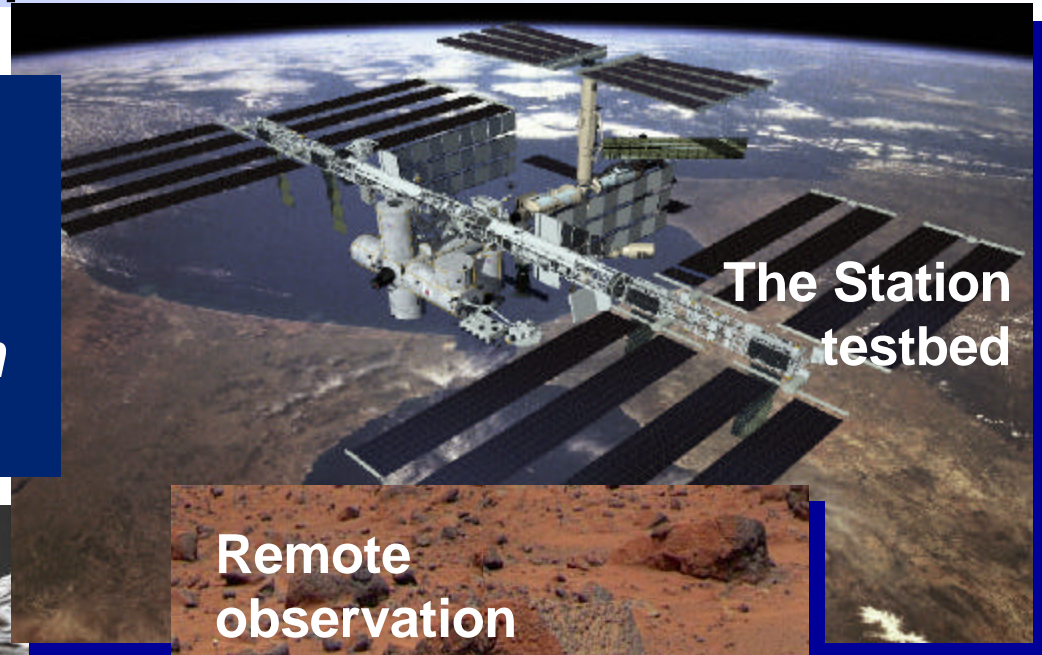




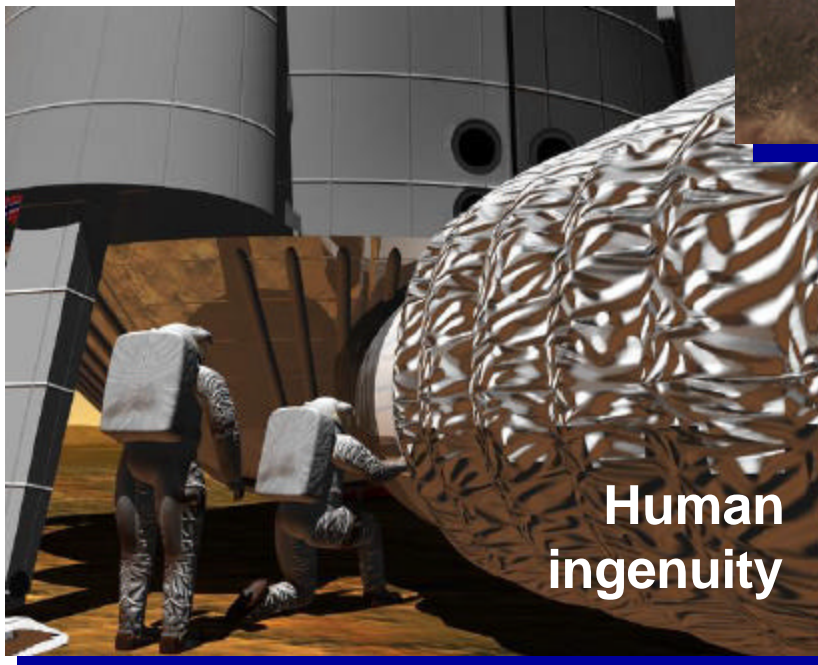
Complementary Roles in Exploration

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Robotic missions complement human capabilities in an integrated exploration program.



The Station testbed



Human ingenuity



Remote observation

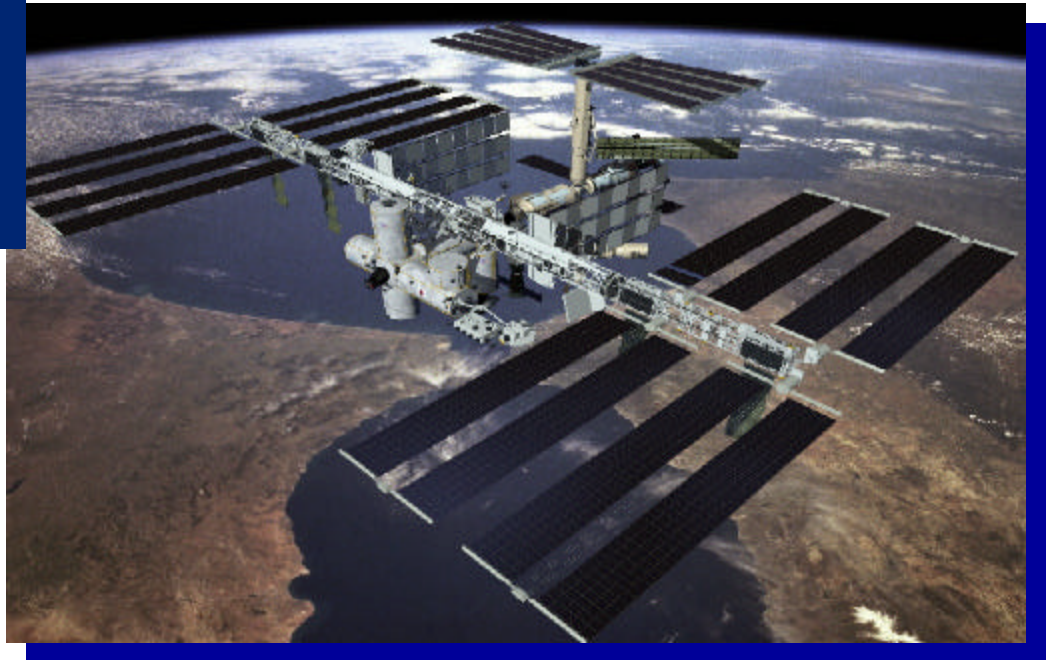




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Station is an integrated test platform for exploration technologies and operations.



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